

teemed with multi-generational musical talent and held a deep love for singing. But band music and its array of instruments—the trumpet, flute, trombone, and clarinet—were less well known. Mr. DeWitt changed that.

Mr. DeWitt also oversaw the incorporation of a growing diversity of students into our schools using music as a unifying influence and adding the international flavor of this new student body to its musical sensibility. Up to 250 students now participate in some aspect of the Manta Ray Band program at Saipan Southern. They come from many ethnicities and cultures—Chamorro, Carolinian, Palauan, Marshallese, Filipino, Korean, Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Indian—and William DeWitt has helped them learn to join together as one, making music.

Perhaps, this very diversity is key to the success and world-wide recognition the Manta Ray Band has achieved under the baton of Mr. DeWitt. Five times in the last seven years the Manta Ray Band has earned the Tumon Bay Music Festival Sweepstakes Award, the most wins by any organization in the festival's history. The Manta Rays have been invited to and performed at two Olympic Games: Beijing in 2008 and London in 2012. The Band has showcased its talents at the Sydney Opera House, Carnegie Hall, Westminster Abbey, and Disneyland. And just last month, at the Los Angeles Musical Festival the Manta Ray Band earned the Gold Award as the highest scoring ensemble in festival competition.

This Gold Award is something of a fairy-tale ending to Mr. DeWitt's career. His band executed its performance with a new precision and intensity. His students displayed an infectious enthusiasm and rhythmic jaunt that gave their concert an element of variety and versatility no other ensemble could match. But backstage after the event amidst the triumph, while cameras clicked, tears flowed and hugs abounded, as the Manta Rays dealt with the recognition that this pinnacle also marked the end of an era—for Mr. William DeWitt had taken his final bow with the band.

William DeWitt and his family will now be able to spend time with his parents in California, where he will also pursue a post-graduate degree. We wish him well. And we will always be grateful to him for the way that he drew from a very small population of students their maximum talent, so inculcating them in the fundamental elements of musicianship that they were able to soar on international stages.

We will also remember as significant as what he gave to each individual student is what Mr. William DeWitt gave to the larger communities of which we are part: the pride and honor his musicians brought to Saipan Southern High School, to the Public School System, and to the Northern Mariana Islands as a whole. This musical venture he has led became a partnership for all of us. Individuals and businesses gladly supported the Manta Ray Band with contributions totaling more than a million dollars over the course of the past decade. And, as a community, we should honor William DeWitt's legacy by continuing to give our young musicians the opportunity to develop, master, and showcase their talents.

Thank you, Mr. William DeWitt. May the richness of island life always flow in your blood, just as your accomplishments will always be engraved into our island history.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SUSAN BECK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Susan Beck for being named a 2015 Woman of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, the Des Moines Business Record.

Since 2000, the Des Moines Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of female leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities either personally or professionally, forging a path for other women to follow. The women given this prestigious award are individuals who have selflessly dedicated their time and proven their leadership abilities across a variety of professional fields.

Dr. Beck's interest in leadership and the health field began at Iowa State University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree before moving on to receive her Medical degree at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences (now Des Moines University). Dr. Beck has been with the Katzmann Breast Center since 2000, beginning her current role as medical director in 2007.

Dr. Beck has served in a variety of leadership roles over the years at places like Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines University, Susan G. Komen, and Innervision Health Center. Dr. Beck has proven her leadership abilities time and time again. She has the special talent of bringing people together to achieve one common goal in a way that few are able to mirror. She continually strives for the best and in her spare time she continues working toward her Master's degree in Public Health.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Dr. Beck in the United States Congress. It is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better her community and the State of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH ROSSMANN

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Rossmann, who will be retiring after decades of service to our country as a leader in helping countless Merit Shop construction companies provide high quality health insurance and benefits to their employees.

Mr. Rossmann has led the Associated Builders and Contractors Insurance Trust for almost three decades. Throughout that time, he has worked tirelessly to help ensure that ABC member contractors are able to provide best in class benefits to their employees.

Through his advanced industry designations, testimony in Congress on health insur-

ance issues and well-recognized thought leadership, he has helped move forward the cause of making healthcare affordable for tens of thousands of construction workers.

Mr. Rossmann's distinguished record of service to the Merit Shop construction industry and in his local community are to be commended. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Joseph Rossmann on this well-deserved occasion. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him a wonderful retirement and many years of happiness.

HONORING WARREN K. ASHE, PH.D.

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering and honoring Warren K. Ashe, Ph.D., who passed away at the age of 85 this week after a lifetime of demonstrating what an African American can achieve, despite being denied the opportunities that were routinely available to other Americans. For purposes of disclosure, Dr. Ashe was my cousin and I am proud of the relationship.

Although born in Halifax, North Carolina, Dr. Ashe was educated in the District of Columbia public schools, including the famed Dunbar High School, in those days of segregation, the college preparatory high school in the nation's capital for Black students. Dr. Ashe served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and was honorably discharged as a sergeant.

Dr. Ashe's achievements were outstanding by any measure. He received his Bachelor of Sciences degree, as well as his M.A. and Ph.D. in microbiology from Howard University, and his M.A. in Religious Studies.

He rose from grade GS-1 medical biology technician at the National Institute of Health to become the first African American to be a senior research scientist at the National Institute for Dental Research, a research microbiologist in the Laboratory of Oral Microbiology, and a health scientist administrator in the Soft Tissue Stomatology Program. While at NIH, Dr. Ashe also served as equal opportunity officer. His selfless dedication to equality for others led him to take considerable risks to ensure that he did not become a token African American. As a result of Dr. Ashe's work in equal opportunity, the employment of Blacks at NIH and their promotion to scientific and administrative leadership increased significantly.

In 1971, Dr. Ashe was appointed the first dean for research at Howard University. His accomplishments at Howard were remarkable: leadership in the establishment of the first clinical research center in the world with NIH funding at Howard University and establishment of the National Human Genome Center at Howard that helped in the sequencing of human genomes to tackle diseases that disproportionately affect the African diaspora. Dr. Ashe's professional accomplishments were matched by his dedication in preparing high school students for the health sciences, his activities as a member of the most distinguished professional organizations in his field, and his devotion, in particular, to his church, Turner Memorial AME, where he was a steward until his passing.

Mr. Speaker, as an African American born in 1929, when segregation nationwide barred the doors to success, Dr. Ashe could hardly have dreamed of achieving these accomplishments. Dr. Ashe did more than dream—he worked until he moved 20th century discrimination out of his way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and work of Warren K. Ashe, Ph.D. and in sending condolences to his wife, Grace and to Dr. Ashe's entire family.

HONORING MS. TATYANA KALINGA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Tatyana Kalina, a senior and critical member of my staff. In the coming days, Tatyana will be leaving my office after 11 years to pursue the next steps in her career.

Like many Congressional staff members, Tatyana started in my office as an intern and joined the team full-time in June of 2004.

Since she started in the office, I have relied on her professionalism, judgement and superior work product as my executive assistant, scheduler and office manager.

For the past 11 years, she has also served as my key liaison to the Congressional Black Caucus, which I had the privilege of chairing during the 111th Congress.

During her years of dedicated service, Tatyana's most valuable skill has been her ability to step up and perform nearly any task, including assisting with media interviews, making policy recommendations and representing my office in high-level meetings, including with Heads of State.

She has been and remains a consummate professional who is truly dedicated to her work and serving my constituents.

In fact, Tatyana's work has been so exemplary in my office that she is often asked to train new staffers in the offices of my colleagues.

On a personal note, I have witnessed Tatyana's growth and development from a young intern into a mature and brilliant young woman. She has a very promising future, which my staff and I look forward to witnessing. We all intend to keep Tatyana as a valued member of Team Lee within our hearts and in our deeds.

On behalf of myself and the people of California's 13th Congressional district, I'd like to thank Tatyana for her years of dedicated service.

Tatyana, we will miss you as you start this new chapter in your life but we wish you every success. We cannot wait to see all that you will accomplish!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF STANLEY AND VIRGINIA SZEJNAR

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 70th wedding anniversary of

Stanley and Virginia Szejnar, of Hanover, Massachusetts. The Szejnars celebrate seventy years of marriage on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

Stanley and Virginia's story is one of romance, dedication, and patience. Their love has endured from Quincy, Massachusetts to the high seas of the Pacific theater; Norfolk, Virginia to Hanover, Massachusetts. Born in Buffalo, New York, Stanley was stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Station in South Weymouth, Massachusetts during the early years of World War II. It was during this time, in 1941, that he was nervously set up on a blind date with Virginia by her friend and, later, maid of honor. After meeting in the town of Quincy, a trip for ice cream was followed by a long walk—the start of many more dates and conversations to come.

As their relationship blossomed, Stanley learned that he was being transferred to the newly commissioned USS *Ticonderoga*. He asked Virginia to come with him to Norfolk, Virginia, where the aircraft carrier was docked, and stay at the local USO. When Virginia returned home to Boston, she excitedly called her mother with a joyous announcement: she and Stanley were engaged to be married. Shortly thereafter, Stanley shipped out on the USS *Ticonderoga*. During his time at war, during which Stanley survived severe damage to the *Ticonderoga* and a deployment on the Navy destroyer, USS *Dyers*, Stanley and Virginia stayed in close contact. They may have been separated by oceans between them, but their love remained strong.

Upon his return, Stanley and Virginia were at last married in 1945. They spent their honeymoon enjoying the mists and impressive waterfalls at Niagara Falls near Stanley's hometown. Following the end of the war, they moved to Hanover, Massachusetts where they reside today. A proud veteran, Stanley is the former commander of the Post #149 American Legion and V.F.W. #178804, as well as a retired member of the Local #537 Pipe Fitters Union. After more than seventy years of love, their most precious gift and proudest achievements are their daughter, Candace Finnie, and granddaughter, Ericka, who live in Ocala, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Stanley and Virginia Szejnar on the joyous occasion of their 70th anniversary. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing them many more years of happiness.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF BISHOP RANDY BROWN ROYAL

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and remember my good friend and a cornerstone of eastern North Carolina, Bishop Randy Brown Royal, a resident of Greenville, North Carolina who was called to be with God on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at the age of 63.

Bishop Royal was born on January 6, 1952, in Craven County in New Bern, North Carolina to George Emerson and Sarah Louise Royal. He spent his formative years being educated in the Craven County School system and later

attended Shaw University in Raleigh where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Religion and a Master's degree in Divinity.

Following his matriculation at Shaw, Bishop Royal attended my alma mater of North Carolina Central University in Durham and earned a Master's Degree in Psychology. He completed his education by attaining a Doctoral degree in Religion and Clinical Psychology from the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse School of Religion in 1979.

Bishop Royal served as pastor in many churches throughout his career, including New Greenleaf Church of Christ in Goldsboro from 1973 until 1978 and Philippi Church of Christ in Greenville, North Carolina beginning in 1982. Under Bishop Royal's leadership, Philippi Church of Christ has expanded several times to accommodate the growing number of parishioners which now tops 2,500. Just last year, Bishop Royal celebrated his 36th Pastoral anniversary.

In addition to his service as a pastor, Bishop Royal was also a community activist and dedicated public servant in Pitt County, North Carolina. He served as a Pitt County Commissioner and on the board of many local organizations, including the Pitt County United Way, Pitt County Health Department and Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Bishop Royal also worked with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Bishop Royal is survived by his three adult children Bryan, Onica, and Stephanie; three brothers, Rev. Daniel Royal, Rev. George J. Royal, and Erroll Royal; four sisters, Rev. Barbara Davis, Brenda Middleton, Vonshelia Bacon, and Cathy Bacon Lyons; and six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Randy Brown Royal meant so much to so many people. His lasting contributions to his church family as Bishop and to his community and its citizens as County Commissioner will always be remembered. His community, our state of North Carolina, and our great nation are better because of Bishop Randy Royal.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to the family of Bishop Randy Brown Royal, his congregation, and his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 467, my flight was delayed due to weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO LT. GOVERNOR KIM REYNOLDS IN THE FIRST SESSION IN THE 114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds for being named a 2015